

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad – Khalifatul Masih IV. On 4th July 1997, in Toronto – Canada

In today's sermon I would especially draw your attention towards constructing and populating the mosques and righteousness and establishing prayers. I also advise again regular recitation of *The Holy Quran* and learning its translation.

It has been made obligatory to study *The Holy Quran* being mindful of God. Knowledge from Allah the Almighty comes from pondering upon *The Holy Quran*. The whole Jamat should attend towards studying *The Holy Quran* with its translation. Nobody should fail in reciting *The Holy Quran* daily unless excused under *Shariah*.

If a few houses intend to make mosques inside then they can be enabled to do it with the grace of God. God Himself increases one's ability when it concerns the mosque.

The 5 daily prayers should be held at every mosque. If all the men are at work then the ladies can also populate the mosque taking care of their *Purdah*.

Righteousness is deeply connected to the mosque because righteousness cannot come but through a mosque and a mosque cannot be adorned but with righteousness. Every person must become righteous or they cannot populate the mosques and when a righteous person populates the mosques these mosques would be very blessed.

The early verses of *Sura' al-Baqarah* [The Heifer] mention belief in the Unseen and establishing prayers and spending in the way of Allah and mosques are needed to establish prayer but there are many other tasks to be done in this regard. To spend out of all your belongings in the way of God means spending for oneself in a way that draws one closer to God in order to go further for the sake of God.

You should observe how you have expended your abilities for yourself and for your offspring. In a Society where the voices of Satan call you from every direction if your children are not in the habit of offering *Salat*¹ then they would come of no use to you nor will they be able to save themselves. Every person from every family among you should be in the habit of offering *Salat*. This is a journey which the organisation of the Jamat cannot arrange regularly. It is the responsibility of every housekeeper to pay attention to *The Holy Quran*, to pay attention to the meanings of the Quran. There should not be a single person in your home who does not have a habit of reading the Quran on a daily basis. Moreover read the Quran with understanding. Then one resolution to the questions arising would be what the Quran advises to approach those with knowledge. Another method greater than this is to question Allah the Almighty and appeal to Him to explain it to you. Study the books of The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and also the *Tafseer e Sagheer* and *Tafseer e Kabir*² and keep justifying the knowledge gained. If it does not measure up to the yardstick of the

¹ The 5 daily prayers prescribed by Islam.

² Commentaries on 'The Holy Quran' by Hazrat al-Hajj Mirza Bashirudeen Mahmood Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih II.

knowledgeable then abandon it. Knowledge must come before wisdom. Wisdom without knowledge is just hollow wisdom.

I wish that every house should be full of worshipers offering *Salat* and that *The Holy Quran* be recited in every house and some translation should always be read with the recitation. Once you have done this then start construct mosques in your environs. It appears from *The Holy Quran* and the saying of Muhammad ﷺ the Holy Prophet of Allah that those homes whose dwellers fail to inhabit the houses of God are rendered barren.

In the end there is painful news about the Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial (Pakistan) which is a mosque that has been in the possession of the Jamat ever since the time of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). We were its owners for over a hundred years. This year in January the Maulvis made mischief and filed a case in the court of a local Civil Judge. Then suddenly the verdict was delivered against us on 30th June that Ahmadis should not enter the mosque or offer the prayer service there.

Nobody can deprive Ahmadis of mosques. For the Holy Prophet ﷺ says that 'God has made the entire Earth a mosque for me'. Before this whenever a mosque has been confiscated from the Ahmadis, God has always enabled the building of dozens more mosques. So construct such mosques as are high in the eyes of God because those who enter would enter mantled with righteousness and God sees them with affection and they personally experience the mercies of Allah.

Another sad news is that the elder brother of my deceased wife Respected Mirza Nasim Ahmad has passed away. He had a personal bond with me and he had certain distinct qualities in him. The foremost being that he never spoke ill of anyone, never pained anyone's heart. Such people are certainly dear to Allah. Whenever he spoke he spoke gently. He had an habitual sense of humour but such refined and polished humour that the session would suddenly bloom up. He cared for the pain of the poor; he was very tender-hearted but served in secret. A little while ago my youngest daughter Tooba married his son Respected Mirza Bashir Ahmad. I pray for his forgiveness and that Allah the Almighty may grant patience and courage to all his offspring.